

The Global Society on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health

Scotland · Charity number SC051149

Details

Known as	GSMERH
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-07-26
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Unit 2 Q Court Quality Street Edinburgh EH4 5BP
Website	https://www.gsmerh.org/

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of health', 'the promotion of equality and diversity'

What the charity does: The Global Society on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health (MERH) is an actual and virtual meeting point for individual members and affiliated organisations, dedicated to the advancement of health and the promotion of equality and diversity. Its focus is on protecting and improving the health of migrants and minimising health differences between ethnic/racial groups in any and all parts of the world, by promoting research, enhancing understanding, disseminating information and advocating for beneficial change

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: 3.1 The Charitable Purposes of the SCIO ('the Charitable Purposes') are the advancement of health and the promotion of a equality and diversity, with a focus on protecting and improving the health of migrants and minimising health differences between ethnic/racial groups in any and all parts of the world, by promoting research, enhancing understanding, disseminating information and advocating for beneficial change.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-03-31	£42,433	£5,536	-	0
2024-03-31	£0	£2,266	-	0
2023-03-31	£2,580	£1,978	-	0
2022-03-31	£5,500	£2,296	-	0

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Accounts

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC051149

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Trustee Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity Name The Global Society on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health

Name the Charity is known by GSMERH

Registered Charity Number SC051149

Date of registration 26 July 2021

Principal Address Unit 2
Q Court
Quality Street
Edinburgh
EH4 5BP

Chairperson

[REDACTED]

Vice Chairperson

[REDACTED]

Other Committee Members

[REDACTED]

appointed 13 February 2025

resigned 21 January 2025

resigned May 2024

Independent Examiner

[REDACTED]

Bankers

Bank of Scotland
PO Box 17235
Edinburgh
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Governing document

GSMERH is an SCIO established on 26 July 2021 with a written constitution. The purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

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Trustee Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting for the term of three years. A retiring Elected Trustee shall be eligible for re-election for a further term of office, but no Trustee can serve more than two consecutive terms of office, without at least one year out of office before being eligible again. Nomination of the Elected Trustees shall be in writing by not less than any two members. Election of Trustees shall be by vote of the members for each vacancy.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are the advancement of health and the promotion of equality and diversity, with a focus on protecting and improving the health of migrants and minimising health differences between ethnic/racial groups in any and all parts of the world, by promoting research, enhancing understanding, disseminating information and advocating for beneficial change.

Review of activities in the year

The main activities this year have focused on the planning for the 2nd World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race & Health. This in person conference was taking place in Lisbon, Portugal, 7 years after the first conference was held in Edinburgh. Activities including venue searching to ensure that the chosen venue was cost effective and the facilities reached the requirements to hold such a conference. A budget was devised with contingencies implemented to ensure the conference gained a slight surplus. Registration fees were finalised and a sponsorship prospectus was drafted to send to potential sponsors.

Registration opened in November 2024 and one of the main focusses was to promote the conference to ensure budget targets were met. This included reaching out to potential sponsors and completing funding applications. Funding applications to the Oak Foundation and Wellcome Trust were successful, and the conference were granted funding towards venue hire, catering and audio-visual costs.

Other activities included conference and social venue logistics, programme planning and inviting plenary speakers to the conference.

Plans for future period

The Trustees continue a single-tier structure (Trustees only) to ensure that the SCIO can continue to work on their charitable cause through the network of contacts.

Planning will continue for the 2nd World Congress to ensure budget targets are met and the conference attracts the desired number of delegates. Following the conference, feedback from delegates will be collated to ensure future conferences exceed delegates expectations. Also, consideration will be given to the next host country and dates for the next conference.

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To ensure the network remains after the 2025 conference, online and/or satellite sessions will be considered during the period between the 2025 conference and the next world conference.

Policy on reserves

The general fund is primarily held to meet the working capital of the Society not covered by donations, fares and grants. As a result of the surplus of £36,914 for the year, the Society held a restricted fund of £39,701 and a deficit in the unrestricted fund of £1,247 at the year end being amounts owed to InConference.

Statement of Committee Members' responsibilities

The Committee is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the Association for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in operation.

The committee members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which should disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and enable them to ensure that the financial statements have been properly prepared from the records of the Association, are in agreement therewith and comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Association's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

on their behalf by



Date: 19 December 2025

THE GLOBAL SOCIETY ON MIGRATION, ETHNICITY, RACE AND HEALTH
Receipts and payments account
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Restricted Fund 2025 £	Unrestricted Fund 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS				
Delegate fees	-	2,732	2,732	-
Membership	-	-	-	-
Grants	39,701	-	39,701	-
	<u>39,701</u>	<u>2,732</u>	<u>42,433</u>	<u>-</u>
RECEIPTS RELATING TO ASSET SALES				
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
	<u>39,701</u>	<u>2,732</u>	<u>42,433</u>	<u>-</u>
PAYMENTS FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Speaker expense	-	2,845	2,845	-
Administrative support	-	1,709	1,709	-
Bank charges	-	502	502	466
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,056</u>	<u>5,056</u>	<u>466</u>
GOVERNANCE COSTS				
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	840
Independent examiner's fee	-	480	480	960
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,536</u>	<u>5,536</u>	<u>2,266</u>
PAYMENTS RELATING TO ASSET MOVEMENTS				
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,536</u>	<u>5,536</u>	<u>2,266</u>
Foreign exchange differences	-	17	17	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>39,701</u>	<u>(2,787)</u>	<u>36,914</u>	<u>(2,266)</u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses other than the (deficit)/surplus for the financial year reported above.

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Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2025

	Restricted Fund 2025 £	Unrestricted Fund 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Balance at 1 April 2024	-	1,540	1,540	3,806
(Deficit)/Surplus for period	<u>39,701</u>	<u>(2,787)</u>	<u>36,914</u>	<u>(2,266)</u>
Balance at 31 March 2025	<u><u>39,701</u></u>	<u><u>(1,247)</u></u>	<u><u>38,454</u></u>	<u><u>1,540</u></u>

Represented by:

Current assets

Current account at Bank of Scotland	-	1,155	1,155	2,116
Euro account at Bank of Scotland	39,701	573	40,274	-

Current liabilities

Amount owed to InConference	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,975)</u>	<u>(2,975)</u>	<u>(576)</u>
	<u><u>39,701</u></u>	<u><u>(1,247)</u></u>	<u><u>38,454</u></u>	<u><u>1,540</u></u>

Assets

Prepayments			<u>2,845</u>	<u>-</u>
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Liabilities

Trade creditors			19,518	-
Income received in advance of conference			2,732	-
Independent examiner's fee			<u>480</u>	<u>480</u>
			<u><u>22,730</u></u>	<u><u>480</u></u>

Approved by the Committee on 19 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Bernadette Kumar



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Notes to the Accounts
for the year to 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

(a) *basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Income is included in the financial statements when received and entered in the accounting records (i.e. under the cash basis).

(c) Expenditure is charged to the income and expenditure accounts on an as paid basis (i.e. under the cash basis).

(d) The Society is not registered for Value Added Tax purposes.

2. Remuneration/reimbursement of expenses

No remuneration was paid to any Office Bearer or Committee member in the year (2024 – none).

During the year no Office Bearer was reimbursed expenses (2024 - none).

3. Funds

The nature and purpose of each fund is as follows:

General fund

This comprises membership income and donations received that will be spent on the primary object of the Society.

Restricted fund

This comprises an Oak Foundation grant towards the provision of bursaries for young researchers and practitioners, awarded on a competitive basis primarily to young people from the Global South. This was unspent by the year end.

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of The Global Society on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

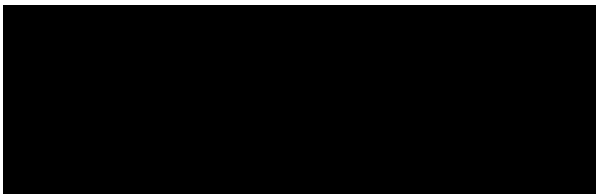
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 19 December 2025